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SUBJECT: UN PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION

1. THE SECRETARY OF THE UN PALESTINE CONCILIATION COMMISSION (PCC) IRSHAD BAQAI (PAKISTAL) HAS LEFT THE UN AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1977, AND THEREHAVE NOW BEEN CONTACTS AMONG THE SECRETARIAT AND THE THREE PCC MEMBERS -- FRANCE, TURKEY AND US -- REGARDING THE SELECTION OF HIS REPLACEMENT.

2. THE FRENCH AND TURKISH MISSIONS HAVE ASKED US TO JOIN THEM IN SUPPORTING HEBERT NOEL (FRANCE) AND MRS. NEYLAN BALI (TURKEY) AS PCC SECRETARY AND DEPUTY SECRETARY RESPECTIVELY. HENIRICH GLEISSNER, DIRECTOR OF THE PSCA SECURITY COUNCIL AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES DIVISION, WHO HAS ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PCC, INFORMS US THAT NEOL ALREADY HAS REPLACED BAQAI AS HEAD OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY STUDIES SECTION. MRS. BALI HAS BEEN WORKING AS ACTING SECRETARY OF THE PCC, AND TURKS WOULD LIKE TO UPGRADE HER TITLE TO DEPUTY SECRETARY IN VIEW OF HER RECORD OF WORK IN ASSISTING BAQAI. BOTH NOEL AND BALI WOULD HAVE OTHER CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES. GLEISSNER ADDED THAT FURTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO NAME DAVID HENRY (US) AS A SECOND DEPUTY SECRETARY SO THAT NATIONALS OF THE
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THREE PCC MEMBERS WOULD BE REPRESENTED ON THE SECRETARIAT STAFF FOR THE COMMISSION.

3. WE SUPPORT NOEL AND BALI CANDIDACIES AND BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE SENSIBLE AND USEFUL TO SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A SECOND DEPUTY IN THE PERSON OF DAVID HENRY AS WELL. SECRETARIAT (GLEISSNER) HAS INDICATED THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT

WOULD APPEAR TO BE APPROPRIATE AND WOULD BE NONCONTROVERSIAL.
HE BELIEVES UNDER SECRETARY SHEVCHENKO WOULD READILY CONCUR.
IF THE DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, WE WILL SOUND
OUT THE FRENCH AND TURKS FOR SUPPORT OF THE U.S. CANDIDACY
IN THE SECOND DEPUTY POSITION.

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